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STINGERS WIN EAST SECTION TITLE- SWEEP MCGILL DURING 1988-89
DEXTER JOHN NAMED QSSF ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Men's Update: The Stingers won the O.U.A.A. East Section Championships Feb. 26 and secured a place in the **National Championship March 10-12**. The maroon and gold won three consecutive games during the week including **two wins over the McGill Redmen**. The Stingers defeated McGill 93-78 (Feb. 21) to take the regular season title. In the East Section semi-final, Concordia beat Bishop's 91-84. The Stingers then defeated McGill 90-78 to take the championship.

Concordia improved its record to 25-9 overall while finishing the regular season with a 13-5 record. **The Stingers have now defeated the Redmen nine straight times.**

This Week: Concordia will play host to the **O.U.A.A. East Division Final, Tuesday, Feb. 28 (8:00p.m.)**, against the **third ranked Toronto Blues**. The Stingers are 0-2 against Toronto this season. The maroon and gold fell to the Blues 94-88 (O.T.) in their most recent encounter.

Toronto will be led by conference All-Stars **Nick Saul, Rob Wilson and Mark Harvey**. Harvey is favoured for a spot on the All-Canadian team after averaging 17 points and 10 rebounds per game this season. Saul led the Blues to the central section championship with 27 points while Wilson chipped in with 22. As an added bonus, the Blues are guided by the OUAA's best coach- **Gib Chapman**.

Last Week: The Stingers took first place overwhelming the Redmen 97-78 (Feb. 21). Conference All-Star **Dexter John** (Montreal, Que.) led the team with **21 points** while pulling down 8 rebounds. The rookie guard hit **9 of 11 from the field**. He averaged over 17 points per game in regular season play. Concordia had a balanced attack as 6 players hit double figures. Second year centre **Dino Perin** (Montreal, Que.) netted **16 points** and 10 rebounds while swing-guard **Michael Cohee** (Montreal, Que.) scored **16** with 9 rebounds. Rookie forward **Leon Pierre** (LaSalle, Que.) hit on 7 of 8 from the field and finished with **15 points in 17 minutes**. Pierre also pulled down 9 rebounds.

Concordia **shot 65% from the field** against McGill in one of their finest regular season efforts.

Concordia's semi-final victory over Bishop's was fueled by rookie **Allan Cox's** play down the stretch. Cox (Montreal, Que.) scored 5 of the 8 final points while finishing with **23**. The former Dawson College star hit 4 three-pointers. He finished the regular season as one of the top five long-bomb shooters in the nation. Captain **Nick Arvanitis** (Montreal, Que.) had a solid game shooting 7 of 9 from the floor and ended up with **16 points**. **Leon Pierre** had identical shooting statistics to Arvanitis while hauling down 12 rebounds. **Michael Cohee** (Montreal, Que.) had a solid game defensively with seven rebounds while netting **15 points**.

The Championship game saw **Dexter John** lead the way for the 13th time this season. John had **28 points, 5 assists and 8 rebounds** from his guard position. John (5'10-170) may be the **best small player in the country**. His fine play garnered him **Q.S.S.F. Athlete of the Week** honors for the second time this season. **Michael "Silk" Cohee** played outstanding defence, limiting O.U.A.A. All-Star and All-Canadian candidate **David Steiner** to 13 points. Cohee finished with **20 points** and 9 rebounds for the Stingers.

Third-year forward **Nick Arvanitis** netted **17** while pulling down 10 rebounds.

Bring out the Broom: The Stingers defeated the Redmen in all five contests this season. Concordia's nucleus consists of three rookies, two second-year and one third year player. The maroon and gold have now **defeated McGill nine straight times** and should continue the streak with their fine nucleus.